

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The poles are being erected on Otter street for the new trolley line.

Dr. Charles Dinges, of Newportville, has sold his practice to Dr. J. S. Patterson, of Philadelphia.

Bristol (Chas. K. G. L.) conferred the third degree upon four candidates on last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Francis Abbott has invited a number of his friends to see the night-blooming cereus at his residence on Radcliffe street.

Hermione Lodge K. of P. will confer the third degree upon one candidate and the third degree upon two, on Friday evening.

List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, July 16th, 1896: Mrs. L. McCarty, Miss Nellie Toner, Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Hattie Goursler.

The relief association of the Bethel A. M. E. church will give an entertainment in Evans Hall on July 23, for the benefit of Henry Blake and the church.

William Ralph, who resides on Market street, had a stroke of paralysis last Monday, while working in the harvest field of Lewis Rowman, near Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weir Gilkeson gave a tea last evening from six to eight, to the young people of Bristol to meet Miss McIntosh, of Hays City, Kansas, who is spending the summer here.

Lowell Wetting, deputy grand chancellor, Penobscot Minister, H. J. W. Bickel and V. V. Vansant, of Hermione Lodge, K. of P., installed the officers of Defiance K. of P. at Newtown on last Tuesday evening.

Moses Kulp, the toll-gate keeper at the Turk, on the Doylestown and Willow Grove turnpike, died yesterday morning from injuries received on Sunday night in attempting to stop a runaway horse. He was 72 years old, and leaves a wife and two children.

The Ladies aid society of the Edlington Presbyterian Church, will give a mid-summer tea and bazaar, on the church lawn, next Thursday. Tea served from six to eight o'clock. No postponement on account of weather, as supper will be served in the Sunday school room.

A new series of stock in the Fidelity Building Association was subscribed for at the monthly meeting on last Tuesday evening. The limit placed by the board was 300 shares. Application was made for over 400 shares, however, and some persons were consequently disappointed.

Charles Leiber, who fell from a scaffold on the Grand Avenue bridge, last Thursday, breaking two of the smaller bones in one of his legs and dislocating his jaw, is improving slowly at the German hospital, to which place he was taken. It will be two weeks, probably, before he gets to Bristol.

Judge Harman Yerkes has repudiated the Democratic ticket and platform adopted at Chicago. He declares emphatically that he cannot support any candidate who runs upon the dishonest and disreputable platform adopted at Chicago. General W. W. H. Davis, John O. Jones, Arthur Chapman, and other prominent Democrats agree with Judge Yerkes in repudiating the Chicago ticket and platform.

The newly elected officers of Bristol City, No. 103, A. O. U. M. C., are as follows: S. K. C. A. Robinson; S. K. V. C. John H. Hunter; S. K. F. L. John W. Boaz; R. S. John C. Adams; Treasurer, H. F. Ross; A. R. S. John Boaz; Chaplain, C. H. Hoeding; C. of S. Wm. B. Holt; A. C. S. C. M. Guyon; I. G., Valentine Boyce; O. G. Wm. H. Schaffer; Trustee, C. M. Guyon; Representative, J. C. Adams; Alternate, Wm. B. Holt.

Deputy Grand Chief Charles Webster, of this district of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, has appointed a team of fifteen members of Bristol City to install the officers elected in this district during the present term. Last night the team and other members went to Newtown to install the officers of Star of Liberty Castle. After the ceremonies a collation was served that tended to give the evening a prominent place among other pleasant memories of past events of a similar character.

On Thursday evening the 6th inst., G. S. K. M. Thomas Joret, of Philadelphia, accompanied by a number of others, paid a visit to Martha Washington Chamber, No. 2, O. K. F., and installed the following officers into their respective stations: P. S. K. M., Edward Hoeding; S. K. M., William Haley; S. C. William A. Britton; J. C. Arthur W. Dous; M. of R. Thomas E. Appleby; Rec. Sec., George W. Wright; Fin. Sec., E. L. Light; Treasurer, Wm. P. Wright; K. W. Wm. Plumb; Trustee for 18 months, Hugh Mackie. The following were appointed by S. K. M. Haley, and duly obligated: S. S., David Townsend; J. S., Pelcey Grimes; K. C., William H. Smith; Chaplain, John Cartey. After the ceremonies were over the visitors were entertained with a light lunch and sent on their way rejoicing.

At the stated meeting of Council last Monday evening, there were fourteen members present, the absentees being Messrs. Engle G. Smith and Peter R. Diehl. The Street Committee reported an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of rubbish upon the streets; the Police Committee reported five arrests during the month of June and sixteen tramps lodged in the station house; the Health, Sanitation and Poor Committees recommended the appointment of William Albright as garbage collector. William E. Miles was also named for the position and Council proceeded to a ballot. Two ballots resulted in a tie, and on the third Mr. Albright got a majority of one. The Street Committee was empowered to make a contract with Mr. Albright for two years. A communication from Peter R. Diehl tendering his resignation as Councilman from the Second ward was read, and on motion action on the matter was postponed until the next meeting. A communication from High Constable Henry Rue asking whether he was entitled to carry keys to the station house and cells was read, and on motion he was given that privilege. The clerk reported that the Bristol and Newtown Trolley road had made application, as required by the ordinance, for privilege to occupy Bath street, and had deposited \$75 as required. Bills amounting to \$874 were presented and orders directed to be drawn therefor.

Personal Mention.

Miss Louise A. Doran is visiting friends in Riverton, N. J.

Mrs. W. G. Buckman left this morning for Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Captain William Tice left for Potomac on Tuesday morning.

Miss Annie Ancker is the guest of Miss Grace Taylor, at Indiana, Pa.

Mr. P. O. Hutchins and daughter are visiting relatives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Laura A. Steel, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. George A. Shoemaker.

Robert Coleman, of Green Lane, Bristol, left yesterday morning for Tacoma, Wash.

The Messrs Warner are at Spring Lake, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swain.

Mrs. Lewis C. Wetting left last Thursday for Indiana, Pa., on a visit to Mr. Wetting's relatives.

W. P. Moore and family, of Gardena, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huetkins.

Mr. William C. Gray and children, of Piquette, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Ebenezer White, of Bristol township.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Colborn, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Hoquet.

James O. Thomas, Jr., returned Tuesday from Hays City, Kansas, N. J., where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. Pennoire.

From every source of information comes the most encouraging reports respecting the progress to be made in the interest of the re-nomination of Hon. Irving P. Wanger.

The Republicans of Montgomery county still present the same unbroken front in his favor, while in the Bucks end of the District the greatest awakening is taking place in his behalf. This is largely due to the fact that the people are daily becoming better acquainted with the facts, and are realizing that the only issue which confronts them is the election of the man from among the 25,000 Republicans in the District best qualified by his ability, integrity and experience to represent them in the most important session of Congress that will have not since the settlement of the grave questions growing out of the civil war.

That Mr. Wanger's canvass should have gathered so much strength in the past two weeks in the Bucks county end of the District is not to be wondered at. The Republicans residing there are intelligent and patriotic, and are almost unanimously inspired with the desire to discharge the obligations of citizenship in the way best calculated to promote the welfare of the District, State and Nation. They see in Mr. Wanger's candidacy not only an opportunity to endorse the public services of an able Representative, but at the same time to endorse a principle which has brought forth the best fruits in other sections of our country.

The work now being done in Mr. Wanger's interest will be enthusiastically pushed by his friends in the entire District until the end of the campaign, and we are pleased to authoritatively assert that Mr. Wanger will have at Lansdale more delegates from Bucks county in his favor than any of the other candidates before the convention.

Push the good work along and do not forget that on your banner should be inscribed "McKinley, Hoebart and Wanger, and the prompt enactment of the principles enunciated in the St. Louis platform."

A Game at Which Two Can Play.

The human mind is so constituted as to be variously affected by the different influences with which it comes in touch. That which some people let pass as the idle wind, or only fear with momentary notice, others seriously take into consideration; and they invest it with solemn importance as though the stars in their courses depended on it.

St. Walter Scott complained to a stranger that he met that he could not draw him to a talk about it, and he gave up the attempt in despair. "Why didn't you try me on leather," asked the stranger.

In politics one must try "leather" and everything else. One thing or another attracts attention and each plays a part. Sometimes the wisest truth tends to shape a man's opinion and determine his decision. The petty opinion near his vision may hide the larger one beyond. A question that appeals to his reason may be overshadowed by one that invites his prejudices.

We all remember the turmoil that was occasioned in the Republican ranks in our county before and after the last judicial election. The preliminary action taken by the members of the Bar of Bucks county in behalf of the re-election of Judge Yerkes, and the support he received at the polls by a numerous body of Republicans, cannot yet be classed among the things that are forgotten.

Recently certain members of the Republican party declared their opposition to Congressman Wanger, solely on the ground that a Republican prominent in our borough politics, whom they supposed to be in Mr. Wanger's favor, had connected and supported the candidacy of Judge Yerkes. If this irrelevant circumstance deserves the slightest consideration, why should it operate as an influence in only one direction? Surely, Mr. Wanger is in no way responsible for that bit of recent history, either in its inception or its result; but how about Mr. Shoemaker? For whom did he cast his vote in that judicial contest? He was one of the members of the Bucks county Bar that signed the petition of solicitation to Judge Yerkes, and, as an honest and consistent man, he probably sanctioned that action at the ballot-box. If punishment is to be meted out in one direction for this presumable offense to sound Republican morals, why not in another? There is no good reason why it should be partially administered; and there is no excuse whatever for striking at an innocent man and sheltering a real offender.

Dr. Samuel Fillmore Bennett, the author of "The Street By and By," is a country doctor in Richmond, Wis., a little town of about 800 inhabitants. He served through the war as Lieut. Bennett, of the Fortieth Wisconsin Volunteers.



REV. CHAS. H. RORER.

The little body first worshipped in the court house on Cedar street. Bristol was then the county seat.

In 1794, April 7, the Methodists took title for ground on Wood street, paying \$125. In 1804 the first church was built. It was a brick building 24x40, one story high. Rev. David Bartine seems to have been the preacher.

This church served the demands of the society until 1827. Rev. Henry G. King was pastor this year. A revival necessitated more room and twenty feet were added to the old church.

In 1849 Rev. Joseph Asprell was pastor. The old church was torn down this year, and the present old church was built. It cost \$7000 and was greatly appreciated in its day.

In 1849 Bristol became a separate charge. In 1851 Rev. Wm. McCombs was pastor and found an embarrassing debt. By great labor this debt was removed during 1851. In 1859 he led the society to build the old parsonage. He superintended its construction.

Methodism has had a strong hold on the affections of the people of this town. One hundred and twenty-two pastors have served the church, 35 presiding elders have served this charge in the capacity of overseers; 8 ex-pastors of the church still survive. The present pastor was appointed by Bishop Fox in 1895 at the conference meeting in Germantown, Philadelphia.



NEW M. E. CHURCH.

Last Sabbath large congregations were present at all the services. Though the weather was warm all were interested in the closing services. In the morning the pastor preached from II Timothy 1, 7, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Mr. J. Wesley Wright presided over a well attended session of the Sunday school. Mr. John Street directed the services of the Wesleyan Brotherhood. In the evening the pastor, Rev. C. H. Rorer, preached an historical sermon from Numbers 28, 23, "What hath God wrought? A large class of service—a union of classes, was held on Monday evening. Mr. Jacob Young and Miss Laura Burton were in charge. The closing prayer meeting was held on Tuesday evening.

The members moved the movable furniture of the church on Wednesday evening. The work necessary to have the chapel in readiness for services on Sabbath will keep the members busy the balance of the week.

Presiding Elder S. W. Gehret, D. D., will arrive Saturday evening and hold the quarterly conference in the parlor, and preach in the new chapel Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Excellent speed is being made on the work. The fine wood is arriving, the gas fixtures have reached Bristol. The chapel glass, from Mississippi and Ohio is being put in place.

Ground was broken August 19, 1896. The cornerstone was placed Nov. 17, 1896. The church will be massive and modern. It is undoubtedly the finest in the county and will be an object of pride to the community.

Mr. Chas. Walton is the contractor, while his son, Lewis Walton, is in immediate charge. Lewis L. Jacoby, a Bucks county boy, is the architect. His present address is Allentown, Pa.

The building committee, upon whom has fallen so much labor and so many trials, consists of John K. Young, chairman, John B. Yost, John G. Street, Charles M. Foster, with whom is associated the pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Rorer.

The Sabbath services will be the formal opening in the new building. The dedication will likely occur Sept. 8, 1896, when a complete programme will be given to the public. After nearly a century the Methodists will move to new quarters.

Special singing has been provided for on

the coming Sabbath. Mr. Wm. Bradfield will have charge.

The chapel is neat and convenient. There is a fine lecture room that will be used at present by the congregation. Two class rooms and a library are on the west side. On the east side is an attractive infant school room.

The second story is reached by two nicely built stairways, leading to a large parlor on the eastern side, and three class rooms for Sabbath school purposes on the western side. Surrounding the school is a fine balcony to be of great service for large gatherings and renewing of lesson to Sabbath school.

The finishing is North Carolina pine; the flooring is narrow Georgia pine. The hardware comes from Connecticut and Illinois. The old church pulpit will be used in the chapel, as well as the old seating. Rolling partitions made in New York will separate the chapel from the main church. The natural finish gives a very beautiful appearance.

While all eyes will naturally turn towards the completion of the plant later on, the members will with joy the nearly completed condition of the chapel.

The public is invited to share in the joys of the coming Sabbath in Bristol Methodist.

Five members of the old church, standing prior to 1844, still survive. They are, Mrs. Joanna Milnor, Mrs. Pamela Street, Mrs. Mary Ward Bradfield, Mr. William Osmond and Mrs. Mary G. Miller.

THE MARBLE SLAB TALE.

The marble slab that was mortared in the brick wall of the old church has been placed in the gable of the chapel on Wilson street. The record is:

Built A. D. 1804.
Enlarged A. D. 1827.
Rebuilt A. D. 1844.
Removed A. D. 1895.

The above, in short chronological order, recites the deeds and dates of the heroism of the members of this historic church.

What's the Matter with the Third Ward.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—First we heard an occasional echo, then a distant rumble, and now there daily goes up a cry of emphasis and indignation from all parts of the town at the inaction of the friends of Mr. Wanger in not placing in nomination a delegate in his interest in the Third ward.

It is quietly given out that the Republican politicians of that ward are controlled by a single individual who is himself the announced candidate for the honor of representing his ward in the interest of Harry J. Shoemaker in particular in Lansdale.

We take this inaction of the friends of Mr. Wanger in the Third ward to be an admission that this candidate for delegate does carry the Republican politics of his ward in his vest pocket, and it would be a useless task to dispute his absolute control and accordingly they now in humble submission to his will.

This is a condition of affairs that it is hard to believe. What magic spell has laid low the once proud head of Treasurer Baines? What powerful potent has put to sleep the once brave spirit of "Billy" Joyce? What mighty power has bent the knee of Councilman Smith, of Councilman Moss, of "Dobby" Hall, of "Skinner" Headley, of Samuel Milnor, of Joseph Harrison, or of hosts of other tried men and true? Do they want greater issues to arouse their political spirits than are involved in this canvass? Do they want any able and more efficient public official to fight for them Mr. Wanger's candidacy offers? This we cannot believe. Neither can we believe that among this galaxy of political leaders there does not exist a David to come forth and slay this modern Goliath.

Brace up, boys; we all know you are not duffers. A FIGHTING WANGER REPUBLICAN.

Tipple Statistics.

When the Republican party proposed to put a protective duty on foreign tinplate in 1890 a howl of derision and obfuscation went up from the free trade democracy. The proposal was denounced as idiotic. Tinplate, it was asserted, could not be made in the United States, or, if it could be made, it would be at such an enormous cost over the European article as to constitute an outrageous robbery of the domestic consumer.

Undeterred by Democratic predictions, the Republican tariff makers imposed a protective duty on the manufacture of tinplates. The report of the Pennsylvania Bureau of statistics for 1895, just published, shows the absurdity of these predictions.

In spite of the heavy reduction made in the duty on this article by the present tariff, the Keystone State turned out last year a finished tin, or tinplates, a quantity aggregating 106,000,000 pounds, valued at \$4,250,000 and representing a wage-roll of \$1,350,000. Pennsylvania is only one State in many which is successfully engaged in this industry. At the same time, tinplates are cheaper to-day than when the tariff of 1890 went into effect.

Now let us see the Democratic "tinplate" grapple with these incontestable facts and figures.—Commercial Advertiser.

Let no Republican be deceived. The contest is between Mr. Wanger and Mr. Shoemaker. In voting for delegates you will vote for one of these. If anybody has flagged you with the belief that any Bucks county man besides Mr. Shoemaker will receive the support, directly or indirectly, of any Bristol delegate, dismiss the thought at once and clear your mind of error. Intimations of that kind may do for the capture of gudgeons, but no sensible Republican should allow himself to be caught on a hook with that sort of bait. If he does he will come to grief, and wonder why he should be so easily humbugged.

The Bay State is to present the famous battleship Massachusetts with a bronze statue of Victory. The figure, which will be life size, will be placed upon the forward 13-inch turret.

Farmers who spray their cows nearly every day with kerosene emulsion find it pays in the added thrift of the animal and in their quickness in being milked.

In England the ivy is considered an emblem of fidelity. In all parts of Great Britain the ivy grows with a luxuriance unknown in most other quarters of the globe.

Another Letter From Edward's Friend.

DEAR BOB:—I received your letter about a week ago. It is full of inquiries as to a half of sausage is of meat. If I had felt inclined to quote Shakespeare I would have said, as full as an egg. But I am not in a quaking mood.

You ask if I think Congressman Wanger will be chosen at Lansdale. Certainly I do. I am not wasting any anxiety about that. Put your wits in working order and see how the tide flows. Still waters, you know, run deep. Shallow streams make a noise.

Very generally the Republicans of our district are wise and intelligent. They think. They judge rationally. They take wisdom and judgment for their guides, especially in matters of great importance. They look beyond the present hour, and they weigh things in respect to their relation to the future. This is not the time to lose intelligence to the winds, or to give one's wits an anodyne.

You ask about some gossip you have heard from Bristol. My mind is a little misty about many of the things you mention, and I do not know that I can enlighten you, but what I know I will tell you. Dame Rumor very often carries truth on her busy tongue, but sometimes her imagination touches it up a little, just as writers of fiction do the daily facts which they weave into the web of romance.

I hear that the Wanger men and the Shoemaker men up there are as busy as bees in a tar barrel. Grass is not growing under their feet. They not only improve the sliding hours, but also the hours that know not the sun. The Republican Gazette is doing Wanger yeoman's service. And it is doing it respectably, too. It's doing it well. It is as frisky as a lamplighter. Do you ever see it? You ought to; the copies are not particularly scarce, but they are not quite as thick as daisies. I must send you a few samples, which I know will win for you several nods of approbation. Bless your neighbors with them as I do you. Let the racket circulate.

I wonder what Mr. Wanger thinks of himself when he takes a peep into that looking glass? But it doesn't flatter or exaggerate. It doesn't paint in false colors. It sticks to the truth as clearly as ivy does to that old wall which is the remains of your springhouse down the lane. It has no need to do anything different. All the arguments worth a bean are on its side, and when a paper has plenty of those to work up into articles all alive with flashing flame, it has no use for idle vaporizing, or any sort of nonsensical timidity. It isn't nourished on a diet of trash and sawdust, and it has no occasion to feed its readers with spiced soap suds and wasp-stings and spiced with gall and wormwood.

The other paper up there, from what I learn, is damning Shoemaker's cause with clumsy service. The man who told me about it says that a good many Republicans in the town are wondering why on earth Shoemaker and his friends went over to the enemy after an ally; and he thinks that the alliance is a very unwholesome one, ten times worse than that which the English were guilty of forming when they hired the Hessians to help them bolster up a forlorn hope.

Now, Ed, I have answered a lot of your questions in a lump. Tickle your brain with the contemplation that Shoemaker's chance to win is not as tangible as the body of a ghost. That prospect is not on the land or in the air. If it ever existed it has so far faded away that it hovers like a phantom between life and death, with its back towards the land of the living. Wanger will win, surely. It is one of those coming events that casts a big shadow before, and as clear as the eye of prophecy as the full moon to the twinkling orb of a pair of lovers. But lovers take to the shade sometimes, and then they do not see even the most palpable objects. That's the way it is with certain Shoemaker men, whose eyes seem to be only on one side like a turnspit. Yes, Ed, there is a Republican Club up there, but the less said about that the better. Things that people are not very proud of they think about more than they talk about. The Club was constructed on the locality principle, and narrowly fashioned according to county lines. It was cast in a domestic mould, with its face towards the Shoemaker star, and over the doorway that leads to its sacred precincts the Wanger men saw a handiwork that reminded them of those sombre words written upon the summit of a gate in Dante's Inferno—"All hope abandon, ye who enter here"—and they turned back, while the others could freely enter. A Republican Club that is in the custody of a faction is not strictly genuine; it is a half-breed, manacled with a Shoemaker's noose.

O, yes; you are right about the Ratification meeting, Ed. A man who was there, one of my neighbors, said it was five-eighths ratification and three-eighths Shoemaker. Nothing like killing two birds with one stone. "Ay, sir; to be honest as this world goes, it is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." Must politics travel the same road as religion, and shakele itself with godly maxims and inconvenient dogmas? Fiddlesticks, says Ambition. "In this fool's paradise" we drink delight, (and some drink a good deal,) and it would not be such a wilderness of sweets but for the dainty little tricks and sugar-coated sharp practices that now and then relieve its sober verities. Is Ambition right?

If you have any more questions to ask, fire away! Farewell.

Your Friend THOMAS
B—X, July 10th, 1896.

The New York Sun is a bitterly democratic sheet, as every one knows. It is especially antagonistic to McKinley. But concerning his nomination the Sun tells its readers this: "The Republicans have nominated McKinley with unanimity not expected for any successful new candidate, with the exception of Fremont, the first republican candidate, in 1866, and Grant, the third, in 1868. They alone were nominated for a first term on the first ballot. It is a shallow view which supposes that this extraordinary demonstration has been a mere matter of manipulation and foreboding in the minutiae of convention politics."

The Pearl Fishery discovered off the south coast of India is very rich.

IRVING P. WANGER.

A Sketch of His Life and Character.

While the citizens of the United States are debating the various questions of the great national campaign now before the people, with its many questions regarding the national currency, the tariff, and other phases debatable in what promises to be the greatest campaign our people have ever seen, the voters of Bucks and Montgomery counties are discussing a question so important to the district that it should be closely studied in every detail, as the result may mean much to the Seventh Congressional district of Pennsylvania.

Shall Hon. Irving P. Wanger be returned to congress for another term? Shall an honest and honorable record be cast aside in order to give certain politicians an opportunity to control some supposed influence and patronage, which may or may not, be used in the right direction? These are questions which the voters of Bucks and Montgomery counties must give their closest attention.

Mr. Wanger is a universal favorite among the citizens of this district, and during two terms, both of which have been under a Democratic government, has made a record such as few men can secure in a national body in such a short time. It is this constant changing in so many districts which causes so much turmoil in the halls of Congress. Many places have long ago recognized the importance of this fact, and when they have a representative whom they seek making a name for himself and his constituents, they endeavor to keep him there.

Such representative gentlemen as McKinley, Reed, Judge Kelly, (now deceased) Stone, Hepburn, and others who have all made names for themselves, did not secure their reputations in a single term. If the



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good people of Ohio had sent Major McKinley to Congress for only one or two terms it is safe to predict that the Republicans would not have thought of him in connection with the presidency. Speaker Reed did acquire his prominence in two terms.

Congressmen of note, who have been associated with Mr. Wanger in congressional work, unhesitatingly say that few men have gone into the national body as a new member and by fearlessly advocating the principles of Republicanism, asserting his prerogatives as a part of that body, and ready at all times to stand by that which would best benefit his constituency, have made a record for themselves equal to that now enjoyed by Mr. Wanger.

Our present estimable representative is descended from early settlers of Montgomery county, of the religious sect known as Mennonites and Brethren or Dunkards. He was born March 5, 1852, in North Cove, a town township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of George and Rebecca (Price), Wanger.

All his ancestors in America—and the line extends over a period of nearly two centuries—were farmers. His father was a prominent citizen of the northern end of Chester county, and was known both throughout Chester and Montgomery counties as a man of great force of character, and a radical advocate of the improvement of the public school system. He became identified with the movement for the abolition of slavery while yet a young man, and was active in the formation of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, and in its early triumphs in this state. In 1850 the elder Mr. Wanger was married to Miss Rebecca, a daughter of Rev. John Price, and they reared a family of four sons, one of whom was named Irving Price Wanger. The father of this interesting family died Dec. 30, 1876, in the 67th year of his age.

Irving P. Wanger was reared on the old Wanger homestead, in Chester county, and educated in the public schools of his district and at the Potstown High and Hill schools. After acquiring his knowledge at these institutions of learning Mr. Wanger became a school teacher and taught for one year, when he became a clerk in the office of the prothonotary of Chester county. This was in 1870, and in one year he had already shown his aptness for this class of work and was made deputy prothonotary of the county, but having a desire to study law resigned the position and went to Norristown at the end of the year to take up a course of law.

In January, 1872, he began his legal studies with Franklin Kneip, a distinguished member of the Montgomery county bar, and on Dec. 1st of that year, was appointed deputy prothonotary of Montgomery county, under William F. Reed, the first Republican prothonotary ever elected in that county.

Meanwhile he continued the study of law, and having completed his preparation, was admitted to the bar in December, 1875. His soon rose in his chosen profession, and secured and has maintained a large practice, being regarded as a most eloquent and logical pleader.

In 1889 he formed a partnership with Irving P. Kneip, under the firm name of Wanger & Kneip, which is now among the most prominent and prosperous legal firms in the county.

From his earliest manhood Mr. Wanger has battled for Republican supremacy. He was elected burgess of Norristown at the age of 26, and was solicitor of the school board of the same borough for several years.

In 1880 he was elected to the office of District Attorney of Montgomery county, being the first Republican ever elected to that office.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE ANTE-WANGER CABAL.

Efforts to deceive the voters not likely to succeed in a campaign of hypocrisy, and so the citizens of Bucks County are rapidly finding out.

Special Correspondence to the Philadelphia North American.

DOYLESTOWN, July 11.—As was predicted in the North American last Monday, the tide of public opinion is running stronger each day in favor of Hon. Irving P. Wanger in the Bucks county end of the Seventh Congressional District.

A new and almost unprecedented feature has developed within the past week. It is the advent of active workers in Mr. Wanger's behalf, who have never heretofore taken part in politics. In several districts prominent citizens, whose business interests have restrained them from being aggressive in the past, have gone so far as to announce themselves as candidates for delegates to the Lansdale Convention in Mr. Wanger's behalf. Even the excitement attending a close county fight has never induced them to assume such a position before.

A conspicuous and significant feature of this new condition of affairs is the fact that not one of these men are seeking political favors. Their efforts in Mr. Wanger's behalf are entirely voluntary. Their influence has been such that public feeling in the two districts of the county, conceded to be pretty strong for a Bucks county candidate, has undergone a change. In Bristol, where the first meeting in the interest of a Bucks county candidate was held, Wanger recruits are being gained every day.

The people of Bucks county constitute a very intelligent community, and they are well informed upon public affairs. They have observed the fact that many other Congressional districts are discontinuing the rotation system, and they approve of the change. Being entirely satisfied with Mr. Wanger's past record, they deem this a fitting time to set aside forever the custom that has always retarded their representatives to private life the moment they became fitted by experience to render the most efficient service.

This condition of affairs is fully realized by the few men who hoped to secure political advantage by certain Bucks county candidates were succeeded by a majority now are being expended in the vain endeavor to misrepresent the real situation. Their exertions are futile, however, as the people are fully satisfied that their motives are entirely selfless.

The rainier underground methods employed early in the campaign to deceive the people have been exposed. To illustrate: There was the attempt to misrepresent the County Committee district. This was only a ploy to interview the various members of the committee long before the people at large had become interested in the subject. Not knowing the committee was composed of men in response to suggestive questions, some of the committee members frankly stated that they would be glad to see a resident of their own county go to Congress if it was the desire of a majority of the Republicans of the county.

Then the cry was started that a majority of the committee were unalterably opposed to Mr. Wanger, and would insist upon the nomination of a Bucks county man. This statement was entirely false. Many of the committee members resented the imposition, and others declared that they had been misquoted. They had no means of knowing at the time how the voters at large felt in the matter.

For reasons of its own the Doylestown Intelligencer is opposing Mr. Wanger now, but this is what it said in an editorial published September 4, 1895, less than one year ago:

"It appears that opposition will be developed against Congressman Wanger for re-nomination as Representative of the Seventh district. They have no word against the Representative's character or capacity, his industry or usefulness, his devotion or Republicanism. It is Bucks county's turn, and upon this narrow and contentious issue, with the ambitions of those who may be Congressmen in the future, are appeals apparently to be made—not to secure a better Representative, not to get better service, not to make the Republican party more efficient, but to punish Wanger because he did not turn in to Quay's election to the chairmanship."

"This situation is neither creditable nor promising. We have a good Representative, and we have a good district. He is experienced and devoted. He should be kept where he is long as he is satisfactory and can be induced to give his services and ability and experience for the benefit of the Seventh district. The declaration of policy in the Republican platform of this year, not yet 10 days old, wherein Republicans declare they favor a form of civil service which 'will insure the recognition of ability and fidelity in the public service to the country even if it means a brief interruption of party platform' is directly applicable in principle to the present case. If the Republicans of the Seventh district intend to carry out the principles of the platform there is no better time and no party platform than the present, and the Congressional nomination where upon they may begin."

"It has been the theory and custom alike, wherever there are districts served by notable Congressmen, and it is the method by which the ablest and best of Representatives have been trained and fitted and held in influential positions to retain in office. Neither get the character of a man satisfactory nor as long as possible. A man cannot become immediately acquainted with the duties of his position; he cannot in one term or two acquire the experience and standing which are needed to be a good legislator. He cannot in a brief time gain the knowledge of affairs and intimacy in the departments requisite to render the best service to his constituents."

"Especially if the districts were kept in office continuously an able and devoted public servant. Continually changing is unprofitable to the district and to the people alike. Neither get the character of a man satisfactory nor as long as possible. A man cannot become immediately acquainted with the duties of his position; he cannot in one term or two acquire the experience and standing which are needed to be a good legislator. He cannot in a brief time gain the knowledge of affairs and intimacy in the departments requisite to render the best service to his constituents."

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